**Response to COVID-19 pandemic coordinated call**

**for BRICS multilateral projects 2020**

**APPLICATION FORM**

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| **Instructions*** Use Arial font size 10, single spacing to complete the application form.
* The proposal may not exceed 15 pages, excluding the Annexures.
* Completed applications must be sent to Ms Arlene Smith, Project Administrator: Strategic Research Initiatives, SAMRC (arlene.smith@mrc.ac.za).
* The closing date for applications is midnight on **20 August 2020**.
* **Joint Application Form (JAF)** (link for download: <http://brics-sti.org/files/JAF_BRICS_Call_2020.docx>) must also be submitted by the Project Coordinator to the Call Secretariat through the online **BRICS STI Framework Programme Application Management System (BRICS AMS)** at <http://ams.rfbr.ru/BRICS> by **15:00 (Moscow Time, UTC+3) on 18th August 2020**.
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| **1. DETAILS OF SOUTH AFRICAN PRINCIPAL INVESTIGATOR**  |
| Title (Prof/Dr/Ms/Mr) |  |
| Name & Surname |  |
| ID/Passport number |  |
| Organisation / Institution |  |
| Position |  |
| Department / Division  |  |
| Address | Postal: | Physical: |
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| Contact No. | Office: |  | Mobile: |  |
| email |  |
| Gender (Male/Female) |  |
| Population group (African/Coloured, Indian/White) |  |
| Lead PI/Project Co-ordinator of consortium (Yes/No) |  |

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| **2. DETAILS OF PRINCIPAL INVESTIGATORS IN OTHER BRICS COUNTRIES (Minimum of 2 other BRICS countries)** |
|  | Brazil | Russian Federation | India | China |
| Title (Prof/ Dr/ Ms/Mr) |  |  |  |  |
| Name & Surname |  |  |  |  |
| Organisation / Institution |  |  |  |  |
| Position |  |  |  |  |
| Department / Faculty  |  |  |  |  |
| Address |  |  |  |  |
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| Lead PI/Project Co-ordinator of consortium (Yes/No) |  |  |  |  |

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| **3. Proposal**  |
| **Proposed Covid-19 R&D thematic area** |  |
| **Project title** |  |
| * + 1. **Problem identification (***2 pages)*
* *Give a brief description of the research priority in the above thematic area that will be addressed by the proposed project*
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| 1. **Rationale and motivation** *(3 pages)*
* *Provide a background and scientific rationale for the proposed research, outlining, where appropriate, the theoretical framework that forms the basis of the research, and discussing how the proposed research will address the research priority identified above, and*
* *Indicate how the proposed research is expected to contribute to an integrated, cross disciplinary, collaborative research programme advancing health-relevant knowledge and/or contribute to improvements in Covid-19 health outcomes.*
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| 1. **Proposed research aims and objectives** *(2 pages)*
	* *Outline the main aim(s) of the proposed R&D activities and specify the research objectives that are to be achieved..*
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| 1. **R&D design and methods** (*6 pages*)
* *Noting that the overarching goal of the programme is to support rapid, innovative, inter-disciplinary, collaborative research projects that address both South African and BRICS countries Covid-19 health problems, give an account of the overall research approach and the following:*
	+ *specifics of the research design, including any multi-disciplinary aspects as well as stakeholder interaction/participation;*
	+ *the research methods and/or experimental techniques to be employed, including human subjects protection plan for clinical studies;*
	+ *the data collection and analysis strategies / approaches to be adopted;*
	+ *the statistical treatment and analysis of data, and*
	+ *responsibilities and timelines in doing the work (who will do what when?), including communication and collaboration activities*

*Applicants should give a detailed account, as required above, of the targeted outcomes in each of the two years of their proposed research. The R&D design and methods should be well aligned with the stated research aims and objectives.* |
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| 1. **Expected outputs / outcomes / impact** *(2 pages)*
* *Outline the expected direct and/or indirect outputs/outcomes/impact of the research in terms of the collaborative programme goals outlined above. It includes:*
	+ *the advancement of scientific/health knowledge;*
	+ *human capacity development (eg., number of post-graduates trained and post-docs mentored);*
	+ *specific research outputs (e.g. products and publications in high impact journals), and*
	+ *Contributions the research is envisaged to make to improvements in health and/or policy outcomes.*
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| **4. Funding (may not exceed ZAR3 million excluding of VAT @ 15% p.a. from SAMRC)** |

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|  | **Year 1** | **Year 2** |
| Applied for at SAMRC (ZAR) |  |  |
| Contribution by BRICS country partner in local currency:  |  |  |
| Brazil |  |  |
| Russian Federation |  |  |
| India |  |  |
| China |  |  |

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| **5. SIGNATURES** |

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| **Name of BRICS country** |  |
| Name (please print) | Position: |
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| **South African PI** |
| Name & Surname | Position: |
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| **ANNEXURES***Please attach the following as Annexures to the application:*1. *Budget in ZAR excluding of VAT @ 15% for R&D activities in South Africa in Microsoft Excel*
2. *CVs of all the Principal Investigators*
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